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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 29,
1974:

QUOTE: Q. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, WHEN IS THE SYRIAN DELEGA-
TION COMING HERE; AND DO YOU KNOW YET WHO IT WILL BE
COMPOSED OF?

A. SYRIAN DELEGATION, I ANTICIPATE, WILL BE COMING HERE
AROUND APRIL 11TH. I STILL AM NOT, HOWEVER, IN A POSITION
TO GIVE YOU THE PRECISE NAME OR THE EXACT TIME.

Q. HAS THE DEPARTMENT BEEN INFORMED AS TO WHO WILL LEAD
THAT DELEGATION? I'M NOT ASKING NOW WHETHER YOU KNOW WHO
IT IS OR NOT, BUT DOES THE DEPARTMENT KNOW?

A. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD; BUT
WHETHER THAT IS FINALLY CONFIRMED I DO NOT KNOW. IN ANY
CASE, OBVIOUSLY, WE ARE NOT GOING TO ANNOUNCE THE NAME OF
THE SYRIAN BEFORE THEY WISH TO MAKE HIS NAME KNOWN AS THEIR
REPRESENTATIVE. AND WHEN THEY WISH TO CHOOSE A MOMENT TO
ANNOUNCE THE NAME, THEY WILL DO SO.

Q. DO YOU KNOW IF THE SOVIETS WILL PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF
THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE SYRIANS AND THE SECRETARY?

A. NO, I DON'T KNOW; BUT, ALSO, I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S
ANY PLAN FOR THAT.

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AS YOU KNOW, FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WILL BE COMING, WE
UNDERSTAND, TO THE UN CONFERENCE ON RESOURCES -- WHICH
BEGINS AROUND APRIL 10TH. WE ANTICIPATE THAT HE AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL SEE EACH OTHER AND WILL HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST -- BUT NO PLUN FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING
WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE BETWEEN THE

SYRIANS AND MR. KISSINGER.

Q . IS THAT GROMYKO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AROUND THE 15TH
OF APRIL?

A. THAT'S AN APPROXIMATE TIME, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S
ANY FIRM TIME SET. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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